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# Student safety a priority on campus

CHANGES MADE ON CAMPUS WITH STUDENT SAFETY IN MIND  
*Editors Note: This is Part 2 of a two-part series on campus safety.*

**BRANT VERMEER**  
SPORTS EDITOR

Northwestern is the safest college campus in the state of Iowa, according to Niche.com. Niche uses metrics that measure campus crime and drug and alcohol use combined with data from the Department of Education.

This accomplishment would not be possible without an administration that values the safety of its students. After students shared safety concerns and stories with campus security, changes were made to ensure NW continues to be one of the safest college campuses in the country.

In the middle of September, after receiving concerns from residents of Fern Smith Hall about feeling unsafe while walking from distant parking lots to their dorm at night, an extra row of parking dedicated to Fern residents was added to lot H. Lot H is located directly to the east of Fern. In addition to this change, lights were added to areas in lot F to create a safer environment.

It is easy to understand why students are concerned about walking alone at night. The state of Iowa was rocked when multiple girls were kidnapped this summer, includ-

ing the heavily reported story of Mollie Tibbetts. Many Iowans were shocked to learn that kidnapping and sex trafficking could occur in small town Iowa.

Concerns about school shootings have also increased throughout the last few years. Dean of student life Julie Elliot commented on this concern.

“We held active shooter scenario training with faculty and staff this summer and intend to expand that training to include students in the near future,” Elliot said. “We’ve assessed every building on campus to ensure that it can be easily locked down in the event of an active shooter.”

Elliot went on to describe how NW has worked to cooperate with first responders in Orange City, especially the Orange City Police Department, to ensure they can provide immediate responses to threats on campus.

Campus Security Director Andrew Van Ommernan had some advice for students in case of emergencies. If students ever feel threatened, their first response should be to call 911 and report any information they can to the police. Police need to be involved before investigations can begin, or if a crime has been committed, so arrests can be made.

After calling the police, it is important to call the campus security number to relay any helpful information. Campus security can be reached at 712-707-7475.



PHOTO BY: CHERISH SHUKA

CONTINUED ON PAGE 4      Students who work with Campus Security are in charge of locking campus buildings at night.

# Skateboarding continues to grow in popularity

NORTH BOYS PREFER SKATEBOARDING OVER ANY OTHER TRANSPORTATION

**KALEB SCHROCK**  
SPANISH

The reign of bicycling has come to an end, and skateboarding has risen from the ashes of this old kingdom. With their ease of access, skateboards and longboards have made bicycles a thing of the past, at least on campus.

With their sleek design and wide variety, more and more Northwestern students are picking up on the skating trend. Skateboarding has been around since the 40s and from its humble roots in the surfing industry has come to be a staple of transportation at NW.

Joseph Sheetz, Sultan of Skating and top skateboarder at NW, hypothesises why skateboarding has drawn so many.

“I think it is because of the convenience and customizability boards offer,” Sheetz said. “Skateboards and longboards have better maneuverability as opposed to bikes or scooters and are able to get you to your classes faster than on foot.”

Sheetz also noted the creativity skateboards offer.

“They offer a wider variety of customization. For example, you can add stickers of most anything you want to the bottom of your board, whereas on bikes and scooters there’s less space to put decorations such as stickers.”

Perks like these have driven the skating trend forward as the staple of NW transportation.

Skateboards not only have customization and con-



PHOTO SUBMITTED

Joseph Sheetz spends much of his free time at the skatepark in Orange City.

venience perks, but have also become the transportation method of choice for the coolest of cool in North Suites.

The tradition of a Monday night doughnut run would not be the same without the lines of frosty North Suites boys gliding down the streets of Orange City on their modern chariots.

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# Horror film doesn’t scare audiences

MOVIE REVIEW

NO SCARE, NO TENSION

MATTHEW FROHWEIN  
ECONOMICS

“The Nun” is a perplexing film. At first glance it may appear to be your run of the mill horror flick with loads of jump scares, a quick pace and charming characters. The usual fair, à la “The Conjuring” or 2017’s “It.” However, “The Nun” is beyond such a categorization. It stands on its own, separate from a film with delightful campiness like “The Conjuring” or lovable characters like “It.”

“The Nun” is so profoundly bad, in fact, it highlights everything wrong with the modern American horror film. It all at once beats a dead horse, steals from better films, provides nothing of substance and, worst of all, isn’t scary. It is so hindered

by the formula of its peers and sister films that it cannot break out into unique or truly frightening territory despite how seemingly desperate it is to get a scare out of the audience. Even the provocative Catholic imagery rang hollow and had no weight. “The Nun” is a behemoth of failure. Why?

First of all, if being scared to you is a long bout of silence followed by a face with sharp teeth screaming at you out of nowhere accompanied by a loud metallic noise or a dissonant chord, I would like to humbly suggest you completely reevaluate what it means to feel fear. Because it’s clear to me that you mistake being startled with being afraid.

Alfred Hitchcock once said, “There is no terror in the bang, only in the anticipation of it,” which is the idea that true horror comes from ten-

sion, slow pacing and precise timing of when to actually place a scare, if at all, a truth I think many modern horror filmmakers either ignore or simply cannot comprehend. There are some exceptions of course, but the most successful horror films as of now are at best passable and at worst “The Nun.”

The film is also actively and deliberately inept. I recall a scene in the film that could have been scary if it were handled by a talented director, but instead was a rancid and distractingly bad blemish on a film that had already been defiled. The scene involves a French-Canadian man named Frenchie (a fact that is repeated to create the illusion that Frenchie has a character) showing Sister Irene and Father Burke a shed where he placed the decaying body of a nun who committed suicide.

They walk into the dimly

lit shed and Frenchie remarks that the shadowy form is in a different position than where it was originally placed. If we, the audience had seen Frenchie bring the corpse into the shed and place it as it originally was, it would actually have been unnerving later on when he shows them inside the shed, and we wouldn’t’ve had to hear a bit of expository dialogue for something we already knew.

If I had to praise one thing I liked the gothic setting, which is unusual for a modern horror film yet, even that is used poorly. This film has already made more money than the horror masterpieces like Ari Aster’s “Hereditary.” Stop giving money to garbage.

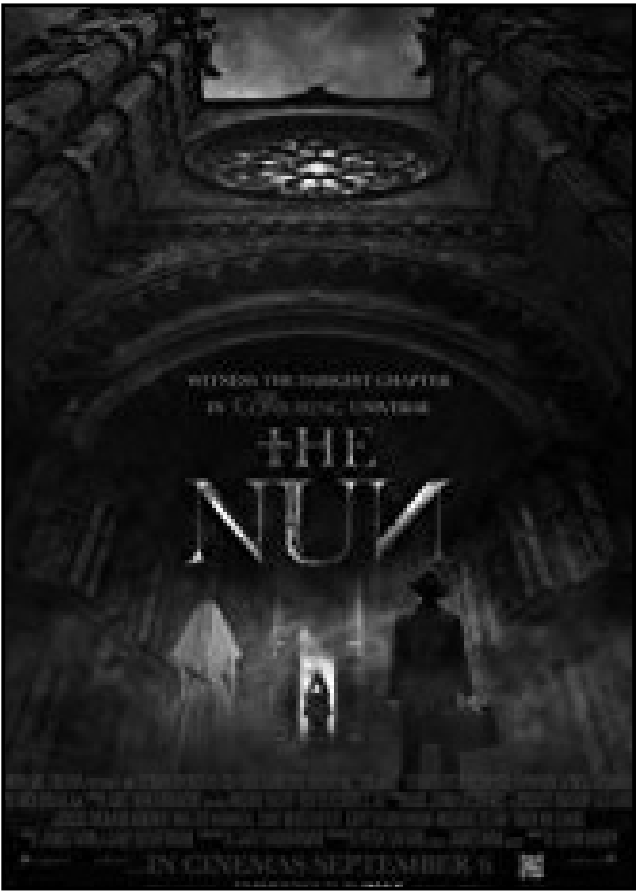


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# Brockhampton releases 4th album

MUSIC REVIEW

IRIDESCENCE STIRS NEW DIRECTION

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POLITICAL SCIENCE

Brockhampton’s fourth studio album marks a transitional period for the self-proclaimed boyband. The group went through a tumultuous summer that saw the departure of one of its key members due to sexual assault charges. The rap collective had planned to release an album sometime in the summer under the name Puppy, but there is no information as to what happened to that project. After much anticipation, the group released its first record under the label RCA. Ultimately the record is inconsistent and at times messy. However, it also features some of the best material the group has put out so far.

The weakest points of iridescence are its introductory tracks. The introductory track “New Orleans” attempts to carry on the groups’ tradition of starting albums with a loud track to make an impression on the audience but falls short. The production hits hard with heavy rattling beats similar to Travis Scott’s “Astroworld.” While the pro-

duction makes an impact, it drowns out some of the verses on the opening track. Excluding Merlin Wood’s verse at the end of the track, these verses are some of the weakest throughout the project. The song ends with a seamless transition into a brief interlude called “Thug Life.” This track is much softer and offers a satisfying refrain from the group’s vocalist bearface.

“Thug Life” ends with an introspective verse from Dom McLennon, one of the group’s rappers. Some of the project’s most successful moments are when its members take a moment to examine how their newfound fame has changed their lives. Kevin Abstract delivers two of his best verses thus far on “Weight” and “Tape.” “Weight” is one of the best tracks Brockhampton has released. It opens with soft strings while Kevin raps about how fame has changed how people in his life treat him, what he misses about his old life and his sexuality. After this, multiple members rap about how fame weighs on each of them in unique ways. The production shifts to meet the mood of each verse starting with soft strings, but then it

moves to a faster dance beat and recedes into the background for another more sensitive verse from McLennon. “Weight” showcases Brockhampton at its best. The chemistry between the members is obvious as jump in and out throughout the track. It keeps the listener entertained, and showcases the scope of the group’s sound and range of topics they can cover.

After “Weight,” the album really hits its stride. “District” offers much improved vocal pitching on one of the stickiest hooks of the album. The production hits hard with droning tones waning in the background throughout. Another highlight comes soon after on the song “Tape.” On this track, members rap over a sporadic drum beat which allows their vocals to shine. The track offers intimate looks at the members’ lives as they vent about fears of being used by friends or even lovers for financial gain. After “Tape,” we are hit with the album’s main single, “J’ouvert.” This song features production that demands to be blasted. The majority of the track contains a nasty droning baseline topped off with a snare that smacks. The

song brings with it another sticky hook and one of the most emotionally charged verses on the project from Joba.

The album concludes with a few ballads, and these tracks are highlights on the project. “San Marcos” begins falsetto singing over arpeggios on an acoustic guitar. The song builds to autotuned vocals over the same guitar. It is a triumphant ballad that conveys the emotion of overcoming all of the obstacles the group has faced over the past year. It culminates with a verse where Joba gives an acknowledgement of dark thoughts but is resolved to overcome them. The song ends with a children’s choir repeating the refrain “I want more out of life than this.” While the lyric is a bit cheesy, the instrumental background matched with the verses leading up to this create one of the most emotional and inspirational moments of on any record of 2018.

This standout track is followed up by another highlight, “Tonya.” It starts with unaccompanied and longing jazz piano. The track one of bearface’s best vocal performances as he sings, “because I’m afraid to disappoint.” In this re-



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frain, he captures how it feels to be an artist with a frothing fan base demanding music. The song gives a look into the pressure artists face to please their fans and their fears of disappointing those fans.

*Iridescence* marks a new direction for Brockhampton. It brought with it a new sound and a new era for the group. It fails to deliver the punchy production and sticky hooks of the past, but it also takes the group in a deeper, more introspective direction. While the project has some of the group’s weakest material, it also contains some of the best.

Ultimately, *iridescence* is a mixed bag, likely as a result of the challenging times leading up to its release. The album is the least consistent in the group’s discography, but leaves fans with enough quality tracks to get them excited for the future.



# Student group starts conversations

LA MOSAIC TALKS  
STUDENT TOPICS

LUCAS SANDER  
WRITING AND RHETORIC

What is La Mosaic? Maybe a poster with the word “SEX” on it with a La Mosaic invitation underneath catches students’ eyes, or others may remember the group being involved in the color-powder-throwing party on the green in the spring, but what it is may still be a mystery. Perhaps that’s because the answer is much simpler than anyone expects.

“It’s a group, but it’s conversation-based,” said Kaylee Henn one of the student leaders of the group. “Yeah, we’re a club, but we try to make it more of a family atmosphere where the conversation is pretty organic.”

The weekly meetings are prompted by issues that affect students’ lives, and they are meant to be a place where students can have open conversations that explore topics

“La Mosaic grew from the desire for a place to talk.”

- Kaylee Henn

like sex, mental health and other topics in a place where they feel at home.

“The intention of it is to be a space where people feel safe, and if you don’t have a group where you have a sense of belonging we try to do that,” Henn said. “The phrase we use is ‘Building belonging by dignifying difference.’”

The current schedule of events includes a series on Sex and Consent, and after midterm break the leaders plan to assess more subjects students are interested in.

“That’s how the group started,” Henn said. “A group of students really felt the need to be able to talk about where they didn’t fit in. We want to continue that and push into where we see stu-

dents needing that kind of space.”

Henn leads the group with fellow students Elizabeth Ellis and Adebola Adeyemo, and wants to build a group that pours into each other and then carries that into other areas of life.

“It’s important to learn how to have these kind of conversations,” Henn said. “This space facilitates that...so you can have them in your dorm, so you can have them in your cafeterias, you can talk about them in the library and stuff like that. Learning how to do that better and then helping other people learn was why I was attracted to [La Mosaic].”

The specific topics for these conversations have often come from student life at college.

“[Northwestern] is its own environment,” Henn said. “A lot of things we talk about end up stemming from social issues that we see on campus, or in similar places.”



PHOTO COURTESY OF KAYLEE HENN  
La Mosaic student group enjoying a walk around Orange City.

Students also bring up topics that are part of a national conversation as well. Henn said it isn’t always brought up by a specific event in the news, “but it could very well be related to current issues.”

Many of the conversations that students want to hold this year have already been challenging, but Henn said that only makes it more rewarding to see people come together to talk about them.

La Mosaic grew from the desire for a place to talk, and Henn wants to see that desire grow to reach other people of campus and get them excited about what they can do to affect change.

“I had somebody approach me and say, ‘This is awesome that we’re having this conversation, but what can we do now?’ and I want to see more of that.”

Any student can be a part of the group and join La Mosaic Thursdays at 8:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room in Ramaker.

# Towns connecting through pages

PUBLIC LIBRARIES  
CONNECT

ADEBOLA ADEYEMO  
PUBLIC RELATIONS

One Book, One Sioux County is a program that helps connect people with one another through their joint exposure to the adventure of books. It is a county-wide initiative put in place to get as many people as possible in the county to read the same book at the same time. However, this not a new concept. There are many cities and states with similar programs, even the First Year Seminar slightly mirrors its goal of fostering a common conversation.

Greta Grond, one of the board members of the One Book, One Sioux County, explained that the program is organized by all the libraries in Sioux County; eight public and three academic libraries owned by Northwestern, Dordt and Northwest Iowa Community College, and is encouraged in local book clubs.

The One Book, One Sioux County program is in its third iteration. In the previous years, books such as Ordinary Grace

“It challenges you to read things that you might not always read on your own time.”

- Greta Grond

by William Kent Krueger and The Boys in the Bunkhouse by Dan Barry have been exposed to the public to foster a common conversation in the community.

This year, the book that has found its way into the hands of the community through the program is “The Witness of Combines,” a memoir by southern Minnesota native, Kent Meyer. The book consists of a series of essays that give insight into Meyer’s memories of life before and after his father’s death and illustrates the role of family, neighbors, farms and rural life in the Midwest.

The program is structured so that everyone reads the book through the year and then towards its end, there is a big event where the author is present to share and discuss with the community.

In the past years, about 150 people have

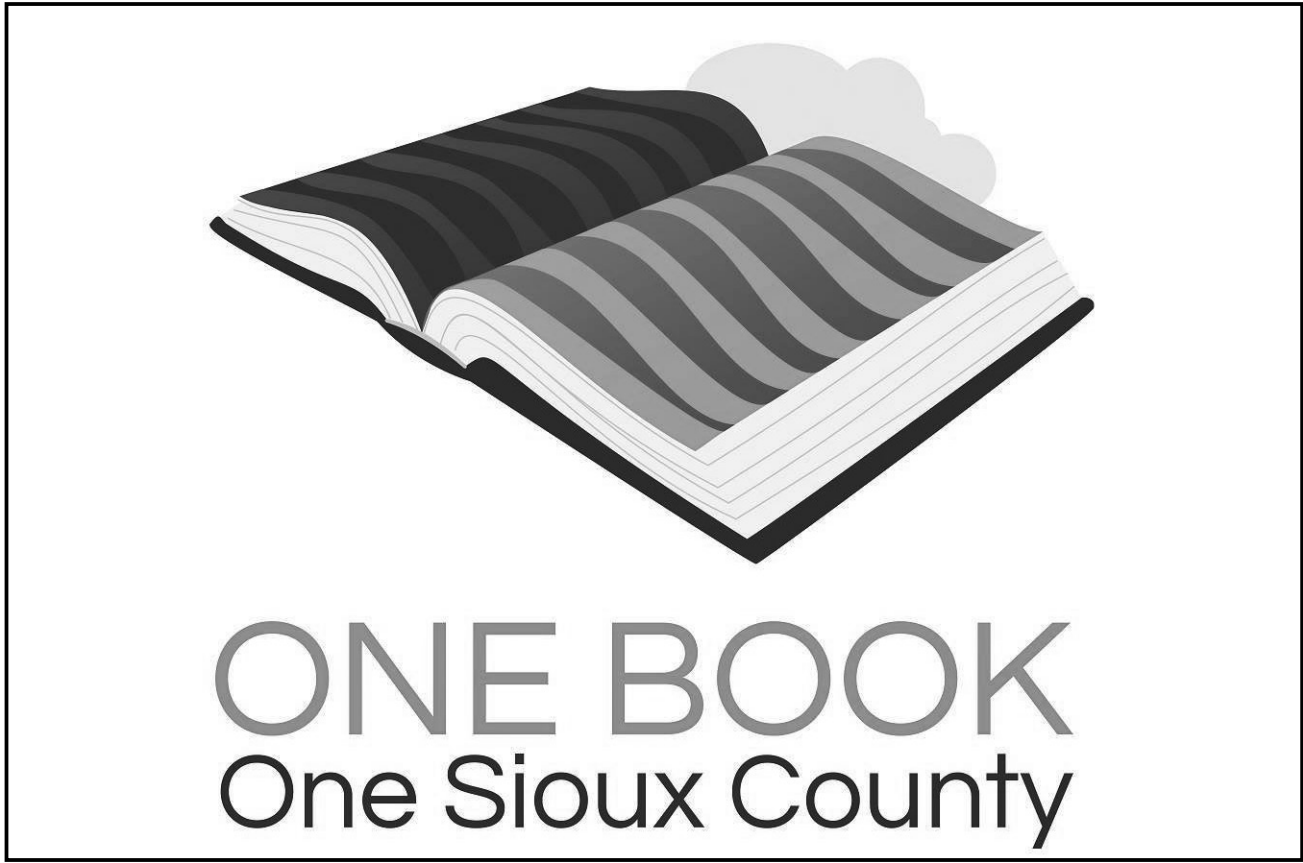


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been in attendance, taking the opportunity to listen to successful authors who have interesting takes on life. This year, Meyer will be present at NCC on November 8, to do so with members of the community.

Aside from the big event at the end of the year, there are a series of other library sponsored events the program tries to incorporate, including events that carry themes relating to topics mentioned in the book. Events featured for this year’s book include a quilt throw event at Rock Valley Public Library, a discussion on agriculture and farm life, a memoir writing workshop at Sioux Center Public Library and Heritage Village, and a few others spread across the various towns.

Grond, who is also the NW Library Director said one piece she has been able to take out the experience of being a part of the program and reading the books throughout the years is the theme of neighbors and community. “It challenges you to read things you might not always read on your own time,” she said.

Programs such as One Book, One Sioux County have assisted in encouraging the continued push for community in the Sioux County. With books in hand and community at heart, One Book, One Sioux County is a program open and here to stay for all community members.



# Transfer students adjust to NW life

CAMPUS WELCOMES TRANSFERS

**RACHEL KOERTNER**  
PUBLIC RELATIONS

Transferring from one college to another can be a jarring change in the life of a student. It comes with its own set of struggles and benefits, but also the opportunity for a fresh start.

With around 40 transfer students coming to Northwestern every year, the transfer demographic is larger than some might think. Many students each year are looking for something different from their college experience and get to explore that at NW.

Sophomore Sutton Derr, junior Lexi Van Surksum and senior Emmalyne Farwell are all transfer students at NW. This is Derr and Van Surksum's first year here, and Farwell's second.

Van Surksum said that the decision to transfer was not a difficult one to make. "I chose to transfer because I knew my major was stronger at NW and I had more friends here than I did at Dordt," Van Surksum said. "I knew I would be happier at NW, and I just felt it was where I needed to be."

Farwell had a similar experience of not being

happy at her first college and feeling God calling her somewhere else.

"I chose NW because although I had no intentions of attending here, God had different plans," Farwell said. "I felt Him calling me to take a leap of faith and follow him to Orange City. It sounds cliché, but I have never experienced anything quite like the community here. This community has become my family."

Like Farwell, Van Surksum is happy at NW. "The friends I had, the ones I've made and especially my professors are all making my transition so easy," Van Surksum said. "I don't have any doubts that I'm where I'm supposed to be."

Derr said that it was difficult to leave behind what he knew, but also says that he knew right when he visited that he was going to like NW.

For many transfer students, the transition can be very difficult. Some describe it as feeling like they are starting all over again as a freshman.

Senior Associate Director of Admissions Jeff Guthmiller has heard about this feeling many times, as he is the main contact for transfer students. He follows up with

the students once they indicate an interest in NW and helps them through the process of enrollment.

"Some [transfer students] don't know exactly where they fit in," Guthmiller said. "They are not freshmen, but they are still new here. However, I think NW does a great job of welcoming them."

Farwell can attest to this. "Being a transfer student can be rough at times," Farwell said. "People seem to have already established who their friends are, so making friends can be intimidating. However, I have found that people at NW are incredibly welcoming and are always open to developing new friendships."

It is always beneficial to help transfer students with their fresh start.

"I want people to know that even though you think you have every part of your college experience mapped out, there are always surprises," Derr said.

Transfer student stories are reminders that life doesn't always go the way it seems it's going to go, and sometimes that's okay. Though they might not be on campus a full four years, transfer students will always be a big part of NW.



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Pictured above, junior Lexi Van Surksum is a recent transfer student at NW. She is one of around 40 transfer students currently enrolled at NW.

# Continued emphasis on campus security

FROM PAGE 1

It becomes harder to investigate, get help or prosecute if a call is delayed even a short amount of time. Immediate information can be invaluable in identifying a suspicious individual or preventing a crime from happening.

To clarify from last week's article, it is important to relay that the subject in question was identified by the Orange City Police Department and the situation has been handled.

To ensure the campus community re-

mains safe, it is up to all students to familiarize themselves with emergency procedures.

Students should have received an email containing the annual security report, which details the procedure for what to do in an emergency (pg. 5), how to report suspicious activity (pg. 47) and emergency contact numbers. This information can also be accessed on the NW website under the "Campus Security" tab.

Campus security will continue to be an issue college administrations across the country grapple with. Students at NW can be encouraged to know they have an ad-

ministration that prioritizes their safety. At the same time, students should be cognizant that threats to their safety can happen even in Orange City, and they should be prepared to respond to those threats.



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One of the duties of campus security workers is to ensure that buildings on campus are locked up at night.

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# SGA gives voice to NW student body

SGA WORKS TO REPRESENT STUDENTS

ANNA PERRENOUD  
PUBLIC RELATIONS

The Student Government Association strives to give a voice to students at Northwestern on issues that affect them the most. In the past year, SGA has worked to make changes and represent students in various settings by addressing concerns at different levels across campus.

Under the leadership of president Banin Hussain and vice president Brant Vermeer, SGA is comprised of treasurer Carter Bock, secretary Eric Wasson and representatives from Fern-Smith Hall, Hospers Hall, Stegenga Hall and North Suites. There are also representatives from each class, a transfer student representative and a diversity and inclusion representative.

Banin Hussain, SGA president, outlined some of the important changes SGA has recently helped implement. Last school year, SGA played an important part in the food service provider decision; members attended the pitch meetings from both providers and tried to represent students by asking questions about what mattered to them.

SGA also taste tested

food and gathered feedback from students in order to represent them in deciding which provider to choose.

A larger, ongoing initiative that SGA undertakes is advocating for diversity and inclusion, in committal to NW's vision for diversity, whose representative is sophomore Josh Rathbun.

"We worked to create a new position that would help represent underrepresented people groups and would be a way to address minority retention and other issues that underrepresented or minority students may face," Hussain said.

In addition to working on specific projects, SGA also financially supports a few student programs. They support the Love Your Melon club, La Mosaic and the Rugby Club Team.

So far this year, SGA has focused on campus security, including starting a successful measure to get more parking for Fern residents and better lighting in a different parking lot. They are also working with Campus Ministry to have students take a chapel survey to get feedback about the current Christian Formation system.

Brant Vermeer had this to say about the SGA policy agenda: "I hope that Student Government can-

be a place where students can advocate for meaningful change on campus. We have a good group of students that are passionate about making NW the best college it can be."

In order to represent students at all levels, SGA members also attend meetings with the Campus Life and Academic Policies committees to discuss student life at NW with the Board of Trustees. These board meetings happen once a semester, but SGA also sends representatives to the Academic Affairs and Strategic Planning committees that meet more frequently. These positions allow SGA members to voice concerns, ideas, or other feedback to board members and faculty that can inform important decision making on campus.

As many students may fondly remember, SGA also implemented the first ever donut day, providing free donuts to nearly 300 students after chapel last year. Hussain called it a "smashing success" that will hopefully become tradition.

SGA is also eager to hear from students, whether they have a suggestion or complaint that they would like addressed. If a student would like to leave a comment, they can drop it off at the SGA mailbox in Ramaker.



PHOTO BY: ANNA PERRENOUD  
SGA president Banin Hussain and vice president Brant Vermeer are optimistic about what SGA can accomplish this year.

# Skateboarding provides new hobby

FROM PAGE 1

Count of Coasting Joseph Sheetz is excited about the increased popularity of skateboarding on campus. "I think it is cool that peo-

ple are starting to take up boarding more. It gives me the opportunity to have more students willing to learn how to skate properly," Sheetz said. "I am also happy that skating has final-

ly overtaken scootering and more and more people are starting to use skateboards, longboards and penny boards as opposed to using scooters. I am also pleased that it has become so widely

accepted and is starting to become commonplace."

Such opinions as these are being shared amongst many of the NW students all across campus. Skateboarding has often been seen as a

select group of people that have all the right capabilities to ride a skateboard and not fall down a lot.

As many have begun to learn through lessons with the Guru of Gliding, Joseph

Sheetz, skating is something that even the less coordinated among us can learn. With time, patience and a willingness to get back up, skateboarding may be the perfect hobby for you.

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Sophomore Joey Sheetz has given a handful of students skateboarding lessons.





NW students are getting excited for the performance of Sidewalk Prophets 8 p.m. today (Friday, Oct. 5). Be sure to buy a ticket in advance to lessen wait time when doors open at 7 p.m. Tonight is the night to forget about homework, grab some friends and join the band for a crazy night of great music, jumping around and more than likely losing your voice screaming over the sea of NW students and alumni as well as others from the community.



The printer in Fern-Smith Hall is down once again. With midterm right around the corner, papers and projects are soon to be due. Without having access to the printer on the third floor, students are having to rush to the Learning Commons or Van Peursem Hall after supper or before classes begins to get their assignments printed off and ready for class. Given that this has been a problem multiple times in the past, girls living in Fern have lost all trust in the printer. Hopefully NW can find someone to fix the problem or come up with a better solution to help the students of Fern out soon.



J.D. Scholten will be on campus Wednesday for a town hall meeting. Students are excited to have a candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives on campus. They will have the opportunity to ask questions and hear Scholten's platform for the upcoming midterm elections. Students from both political parties and those that find themselves somewhere in the middle have the ability to take advantage of this opportunity to see the democratic process in action. This town hall meeting provides students a way to start getting involved as election season quickly approaches.

# Networking is key



Connor Tupper  
Exercise Science

I have always heard those older than me say, "It's all about who you know." Until recently, I had always been under the assumption I could reach my career aspirations through dedication and hard work, which still holds partially true. However, there is another variable to the equation of success. As it turns out, those older people were also wiser than me thanks to the experiences they have had allowing them to see the importance of who you know.

Today, though I would not go as far as saying it is ALL about who you know, the connections one develops throughout their life often acts as a contributing factor to their overall success. That is why I believe networking is one of the keys to reaching eventual career goals.

My first experience where I was able to utilize who I knew was my first internship right out of high school. My father, an engineer at Kellogg's, knew of a construction safety company contracting for Kellogg's that needed to fill an administrative assistant role at the plant. With such a time crunch and great need

While the task seems daunting, building a network can be fairly simple if you are willing to put yourself out there.

- Connor Tupper

to find a temporary replacement to ease the large summer workload, my father tossed my name into the pot, and I received a call with an offer just a day later.

Throughout the course of two summer and winter breaks, I was able to work for this construction safety company. Through my time there, I often saw and worked with my father keeping him up to date on the progress of projects in the plant. I often had my hands full, but when I mentioned I could take on more work, he would quickly ask around the offices if anyone needed an extra hand.

Before I knew it, I was meeting with project managers who would walk me through a future project so I could then go take pictures of the area within the plant and develop a presentation on the scope of the project to be presented to some of the highest ranking people in the plant. As a freshman in college, I probably was not qualified to be doing the work I completed on a daily basis.

Thanks to the connection I had in my father, working with this company and the

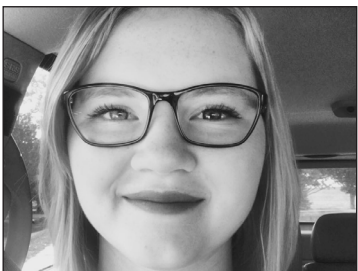
networking he did on my behalf, I now have many contacts and experiences from a position I should have never been offered, especially as a student aspiring to go into the health sciences rather than engineering.

For those of us looking to go into positions that are not in the family business or are outside the area where we have lived our entire lives, the importance of building a strong network of contacts and connections is priceless. While the task seems daunting, building a network can be fairly simple if you are willing to put yourself out there.

The one internship I had this summer turned into three internships simply because I asked for extra work and reached out to as many people as I could. Before I knew it, I had offers to work for multiple people just because I sent an email or spoke to them after a conference speech. Had it not been for accepting that I would not get accepted into every position, I likely would not have been given the opportunities I was and that I continue to benefit from.

As college students, it can be intimidating trying to interact with the people who have already made it in dream careers, but the opportunities that can come by mustering up the courage to ask far outweigh the stress. Indeed, there is no better time than now to begin building the foundation for stepping into our future professions, but this begins by putting yourself and your name out there. By taking these initial steps of networking, you will be that much closer to your eventual career goals.

# Added parking to Lot H



Vanessa Stokes  
Writing and Rhetoric

It's 1 a.m., and with an early fall it's 40 degrees outside. You drive around the parking lot by Fern Smith Hall, looking inbetween the cars for a spot. None. So you keep driving toward the parking lot behind the Bultman Center.

There is not one spot open, which leaves only one option. Driving back around, you turn toward Lot F with dread. You slow the car as your wheels hit the gravel and headlights brighten the parking lot. Almost empty, you spot several open spots. Trying to find the most lit option is hard with little lighting overall.

You park and muster up the courage to get out of the car and walk back. Every sound on the walk makes your heart beat a little faster, and every shadow becomes a dark figure from your nightmare. Your feet step as fast as possible until you cross the Juffer Athletic Fieldhouse parking lot and the alley

between there and the Hub. Finally, you can breathe and walk a little slower, knowing you're safe.

This was the predicament for all of the Fern residents, myself included, these first two months back. Often, I would have to walk back from Lot F, which is just past Juffer, in the dark, feeling less than safe. I can attest that I would choose to park farther away in another sanctioned lot than have to travel this path at night. Situations like this are exactly why some of us residents went and talked to Marlon Haverdink, Julie Elliot and others, voicing our concerns.

Almost every day, there was no parking available in the two common Fern lots this semester. Last year, there would often be 10 or so open parking spots without fail. I especially noticed this change one day when I left for a 15-minute errand and came back with my spot already taken. Many friends have had the same misfortune, resulting in the aforementioned late-night walks.

Thankfully for the students, our faculty listened to their community's voice and asked President Greg Christy to accept a proposal for more parking. As can be seen, this proposal was signed off. It was implemented Sept. 24, less than a week ago. The new parking spots take up an extra row in Lot H by the gas station, which was faculty parking. I would like to thank the faculty for

accommodating and giving up this row to us students while trying to switch their long-kept habits of parking there. The residents of Fern know this was an unexpected and swift change, but also a needed difference.

Because of the email sent out to inform residents of this fact, we found out that we were not crazy for thinking that there were more cars this year. According to Julie Elliot, there are new cars registered to Fern residents this year resulting in a surplus of twelve cars not fitting in both Lot H and Lot J. The row in Lot H was chosen because it includes thirteen parking spaces. Therefore, there is always one spot open near Fern so no one has to park in Lot F.

However, Lot F has been improved as well. Due to all of the students coming in with questions about their safety, new lights have been added to the lot. It is no longer the creepy dirt parking lot that no one wants to end up stationing their car in. Thus, if ever there are more cars that end up parking in the usual Fern lots, there can be more safety felt by us students. This is something I really appreciate Northwestern doing for us.

Again, thanks to all who helped complete this plan and solve the problem. I feel more safe parking on campus and walking, speaking for the other girls of Fern as well. The hasty solutions show a commitment to the welfare of the students on NW's campus.

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# NW football homecoming victory

RAIDERS' DEFENSE  
DEFEATS DOANE

**BRADLEY LAACKMANN**  
SPORT MANAGEMENT

Northwestern's ability to create big plays on both sides of the ball led them to a homecoming victory over Doane, 28-25. Although the Raiders struggled out of the gate, the offense kept the momentum on their side through a strong running game. NW is now ranked 4th in the NAIA Coaches' Poll.

Doane jumped out to an early lead as they finished their first drive with a 32-yard touchdown pass by quarterback Jack Kalina. On their next drive, the Tigers drove into the red zone where they had to settle for a field goal, extending their lead to



PHOTO COURTESY OF NWC ATHLETIC PAGE  
The NW football team defeated Doane 28-25 during homecoming last week after a game of great defense.

10-0. NW's offense was jump-started by a 33-yard run by junior running back Jacob Kalagonis early in the second quarter.

That drive was capped off by a 30-yard touchdown pass from Tyson Kooima to Shane Solberg. On the following NW drive, Ka-

lagonis used a 40-yard run to propel the Raiders into the lead, 14-10.

The second half remained competitive as

Doane scored with 2:13 remaining in the game, making the score 28-25. After a 3 and out by NW, Doane had one more chance to

take the lead. However, the Red Raider defense stood their ground, pushing the Tigers back onto their own side of the field, sealing the win for NW.

Kalagonis played a key role in the win as he rushed for 196 yards, including 3 touchdowns. The Raider defense forced 4 turnovers, including 3 interceptions, proving themselves to be one of the best defenses in the GPAC. The defense was led by Logan Richard with 14 total tackles.

Next week, the undefeated Red Raiders will stay in Orange City to face Dordt, who owns a 3-1 record this year. The game will also mark another matchup in the Sioux County Showdown Series, adding an incentive to a heated rivalry.

# Tennis match against SMSU finishes season

TEAM PLAYS WELL  
DESPITE SCORES

**VANESSA STOKES**  
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With a thwack, the Northwestern women's tennis team ended their fall season on Wednesday, Sept. 26. The team battled Southwest Minnesota State University up in Marshall, Minn. under the coaching of Jeff Guthmiller. This was the last game of their fall season originally scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 25. Unfortunately, they lost the match, bringing their fall season standing 0-1.



PHOTO COURTESY OF NWC RAIDERS TENNIS  
Zoe Holscher had the sole win on Wednesday against SMSU.

Starting off with doubles play were junior Zoe Holscher and sophomore Jacqueline Ingram. Their game was a close call, ending

in 6-8 in favor of SMSU. The newest recruit, freshman Rosehelen Cordova, a transfer from Peru, joined Junior Emma Van Drie for the sec-

ond doubles. They were defeated 8-1.

In singles, the sole win of the night was achieved by No. 2 slot Holscher. Her game consisted of two sets 4-6, 7-6 and a tiebreaker 10-1. No. 1 Ingram played a solid game, almost winning and resulting in a tiebreaker. The first two sets were 6-2 in favor of SMSU and 6-4 in favor of NW with the tiebreaker score of 6-10. Cordova lost both sets 6-0. Van Drie and Sophomore Abby Petrick lost both sets 6-0, 6-1.

"The scores do not represent how the match went," Jacqueline Ingram said when

asked about the match and their season. All of the players felt like the team played well and even in effort with Southwest Minnesota.

NW Women's Tennis is coming off a 5-15 record in their 2017-2018 season and a 2-5 record in the GPAC tournament with a past ranking of sixth seed. Their previous matches this fall were at the GPAC tournament held in Fremont, Neb. One other game against Buena Vista on Sept. 20 was in the books but got cancelled last minute due to weather misfortune. This did not affect their standing, as the official season has yet

to start.

Feb. 2 will kick off the first game of the spring season against Bethel and Minnesota State University in Minnesota. Their first home match will be on April 6 against Concordia. Spring season will see three added players: junior Elizabeth Foster, junior Kelly Shortenhaus and senior Kendra McGinnis. Foster and Shortenhaus are involved in the women's soccer team this fall, and McGinnis is traveling abroad. The team hopes to pick up momentum before the spring season rolls around.

# Raider soccer shows strongly at Doane

LIMMER BREAKS  
SEASON RECORD

**CONNOR TUPPER**  
EXERCISE SCIENCE

After coming off a clinical mid-week game at Mount Marty, the Raiders men's soccer team traveled to Doane looking to stay undefeated in GPAC play. The scoring began early on with Anselmo Kim putting a ricocheting ball past the diving Doane keeper in the 8th minute. After this breakthrough, the Raiders never looked back.

Continuing the early onslaught was Jacobo Garcia-Nieto, who scored a stunning free kick in the game against Mount Marty. He was able to ping a diagonal ball over the Doane back line for Breno Fabbri to run on to and slot the ball off the near post to go up 2-0.

With a two goal lead going into the second half, the Raiders looked to put the nail in the coffin. They were able to do so just 5 minutes in with a lovely piece of skill by Kim on the left wing, allowing him to beat his man and get Tyler Limmer in on the goal, scoring to make it 3-0.

Limmer has played an integral role in the NW attack as this was his 8th goal of the season on top of his 9 assists, a mark that broke the NW single season record in the previous match. Alex "Sauceman" Schussman added another goal five minutes later with an absolute banger from the corner of the box that knuckled and dipped over the head of the outstretched Doane keeper.

The fifth and final goal for NW was scored by Fabbri, giving him two on the game and eight on the season. The

game finished with NW winning 5-0 and edging Doane on shots 23-3.

Many of the Raiders are putting up huge numbers so far this season. Keeper Matt Scott, the NW career shutout leader, has put up four clean sheets with the help of a strong defensive line.

Though part of the defensive unit, Garcia-Nieto has proved his dynamic ability to get on the board with a whopping five goals. Freshman Mateus Freitas has burst on to the scene as the lone attacking mid with two goals and seven assists. Wingers Schussman and Kim round out the balanced, yet explosive attack with a combined twelve goals and seven assists. The Raiders will look to stay hot next week during two home games with huge post-season implications against Briar Cliff and Midland.



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Men's soccer continues to be undefeated in the GPAC after defeating Doane 5-0.



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Summer of Service presents in chapel

TWO EVENTS ARE PROVIDING INFO THIS WEEK

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With summer officially coming to a close just two weeks ago, it seems a little too early to be thinking about summer 2019. However, with opportunities like Summer of Service (SOS), students will want to start thinking about summer soon.

“Summer of Service is a missions program that allows students to spend 6-10 weeks of their summer around the world,” Madison Godfredson said. “SOSers are placed based on interests and passions with a variety of ministries that we partner with worldwide.”

The program gives students from any major an opportunity to serve on a long-term service project in many locations all over the world in a way that utilizes their passions and skills.

While SOS organizers love to meet individually with students who are interested in an SOS, Northwestern is offering two opportunities for the whole to learn more about participating in an SOS.

First, an informational meeting will be held to answer any questions interested students may have and feature more stories from previous SOS participants. It is open to all students.

The SOS Informational meeting will be held at 7pm on Oct. 8th in the Ramaker Fireside Room. The SOS chapel service will be held at 11:05am

on Oct. 9 in Christ Chapel. Second, the chapel service on Tuesday, Oct. 9, will feature in-depth stories and testimonies from three students who have gone on an SOS in the past. They’ll share stories about their sites and ways they were able to serve as well as ways they saw God move during their time abroad.

Kristy Sevcik encourages students to attend these events. “Students that have any interest in SOS should come to these because it will allow them to learn more about how transformative an SOS can be as well as help them work through the logistics of what an SOS would look like for them.”

Many students have heard of NW’s spring break service project program, Spring Service Partnerships (SSPs) and may be wondering what differentiates the experiences had on an SSP and an SOS.

First, SSPs take place during spring break and last 10 days. Students are placed in teams for this short-term opportunity. On an SOS, students either go solo or with a small group of 2-3 NW students to their site. They spend 6-10 weeks there, immersing themselves in the culture and having a unique role in the ministry they’re partnering with.

Students on an SOS have the opportunity to see how mission work operates on a day-to-day basis as well as be involved in the daily operations of their site.

Patrick Hummel, Director of Missions, expressed the objective of



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Kelsey Lang spent her summer interning at Robin’s Nest Children’s Home in Montego Bay, Jamaica.

the SOS program, saying, “Our goal for students is to help each one grow as a follower of Jesus Christ. As they come alongside ministry partners to sacrificially serve, respectfully participate and humbly learn in communities culturally different than their own, students more fully understand God’s heart for the nations. They see

how God is at work in the world and understand more clearly how they can join that work. NW’s missions program is one significant way we fulfill the college’s mission of enabling students to pursue God’s redeeming work in the world.”

Summer of Service applications are open from Oct. 8 to Nov. 2.

Staying on campus for fall break

VARIOUS EVENTS WILL OCCUR ON CAMPUS OVER BREAK

KELSEY LANG  
POLITICAL SCIENCE

There are few things more exciting to a college student than a four-day weekend. Northwestern’s first real break in the academic schedule is coming up. Students will not have class on Oct. 15 and 16 due to fall break. Many students have already begun to anticipate the temporary freedom from classes.

While many students are making plans to travel or spend some time at home, there are certainly reasons to stay. From athletics to vocal ensembles to simply relaxing, there is something for everyone over the four-day weekend.

If students are looking for something to do on Sat. Oct. 13, they can easily fill their day with Raider athletics.

The NW women’s soccer team is traveling to Omaha, NE, to play at the College of St. Mary. With a 2-2 conference record, the women’s soccer team would love support as they work to take down the St. Mary Flames.

The volleyball team will take over the Bultman at 3pm to play against Midland University. This fall, the volleyball team has had much success, evidenced in their 7-1 conference record.

On Monday the 15th, the Benjamin Pratt Art Exhibit will be on display. NW is displaying Pratt’s minimalist paintings from Sept. 24 to Oct. 26, with the public reception with the artist planned for 6:30pm. on Thursday, Oct. 11.

Tuesday the 16th, the final day of fall break, includes something special here at

NW. At 7:30pm, the Nobuntu of Zimbabwe Concert will be held in Christ Chapel. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for students and \$5 for NW students.

The Nobuntu of Zimbabwe is a female a cappella quintet from Zimbabwe. The name Nobuntu is an African concept that places value in humility, love, purpose, unity and family from a woman’s perspective. The ensemble sings a variety of styles, including traditional Zimbabwean, Afro Jazz and Gospel. The pure voices of the five women are highlighted alongside minimalist percussion as well as some dance movements.

In 2015, the ensemble was nominated for Best Musician of the Year at the Zimbabwe International Women awards, held in London. They have released two albums, the second of which has brought them to North America for the first time.

Lizzy Johnston, a junior public relations major, recalls fondly the time last year when she spent a break on campus, saying, “It’s fun to stay. It’s really relaxing because there is no homework to do, so you can spend time doing what you want to do. Honestly, it was one of the best breaks of my life!”

Moriah Wittenberg, sophomore RA in Fern Smith Hall, says there will be a dorm event for the women of Fern. Because details are still being worked out, the plans will be announced at a later date.

For anyone staying on campus over break, Wittenberg has some suggestions of things to do. “TownSquare is a super fun place! If you have not been there yet, you should definitely check it out. It’s also fun to go see a movie with some friends,” Wittenberg said. “You can also go for a walk on the Puddle Jumper.”



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There are various entertainment options for students staying on or close to campus over fall break.

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